

APPROVED: Meeting No. 3-81

ATTEST: *Helen M. Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
MEETING NO. 1-81

January 9, 1981

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in executive session on Friday, January 9, 1981, at 8:15 a.m. to discuss land disposition.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman John Freeland

In Attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan;  
City Attorney Roger Titus.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
MEETING NO. 2-81

January 12, 1981

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, January 12, 1981, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: Acting City Manager Daniel Hobbs; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Roger Titus; Director of Finance John Lawton; Public Information Officer Sue M. Patterson; Director of Budget Anna Lee Berman; Director of Public Works Robert Goodin; Director of Recreation and Parks Ronald Olson; Director of Planning James M. Davis.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Hobbs reported the following:

1. Last Friday he attended a meeting in Baltimore with the Planning Director, the Public Works Director and the Traffic Engineer at the State Highway Administration Office with their staff concerning the Falls Road Interchange.

The state staff members are now finalizing their recommendations on which configuration to use for the full interchange. A tentative meeting has been set for January 28, at which Mr. Caltrider is to receive the staff's recommendation and make a final decision. Following that the State will submit their paperwork to the Federal Highway Administration for processing and approval.

2. The Dover Road project is opened to traffic and is 70 percent completed. The Calvert Road storm drain is installed and clean up work is expected to be completed by early spring. Mr. Hobbs presented pictures to the Council of the Dover Road completion.

3. Mayor Hanna was present at the White House this afternoon for the presentation of an energy award to the city.

4. The new Rockville flag pins are ready for distribution to the public. They will be available at the information desk in City Hall. Mr. Hobbs presented copies to the Mayor and Council and Mayor Hanna read the card, which gives the background for the City's flag selection.

Mayor Hanna said the ceremony at the White House was attended by approximately 128 individuals from all over the country. Rockville was one of 10 cities to receive the award from Secretary of Energy Duncan. Also present were the directors of HUD and Transportation. The award reads "In recognition of outstanding contribution to America's economic and national securities through exemplary leadership in the national effort to achieve energy efficiency".

Re: Appointments

Mayor Hanna, with the confirmation of the Council, made the following appointments:

<u>Civic Improvement Advisory Commission:</u>	Chairman	Dennis Keene (one year) 4 Monroe Street #1010
	Member	Bernard Gaunt (two year) 308 Lincoln Avenue
<u>Energy Commission:</u>	Member	William Haberman (two year) 610 Crocus Drive
<u>Traffic and Transportation: Commission</u>	Member	Mary Lynn Scott (two year) 505 W. Montgomery Avenue
	Member	Robert L. Weirich (two year) 780 Princeton Place
	Member	Harry Regan (two year) 13300 Ardennes Avenue

<u>Alternative Community Service Commission:</u>	Member	Louise Crews (one year) 1503 Gerard Street
<u>Historic District Commission:</u>	Member	Michael Patterson (three year) 500 Meadow Hall Drive
<u>Senior Citizens Commission:</u>	Member	Estelle Berberian (three year) 4 Monroe Street, Apt. 603
	Member	Benton R. Hanan (three year) 199 Rollins Avenue
	Member	Frances P. Crutchfield (three year) P.O. Box 282

Re: Award of Contract: Bid No. 23-81,  
Chemical Root Control

This is the first time a contract for root control has been requested in Rockville. The objective of the contract is to control root growth in certain wooded areas. It is a new technology that will reduce sewer stoppages and sewer maintenance costs.

The five miles of sewer work covered in this contract will complete most of the problem areas between Rockville Pike, Veirs Mill Road and Twinbrook Parkway. The next contract (FY 82) would cover problem streets in Maryvale, Burgundy and Twinbrook Forest areas.

Budget amounts include \$15,500 from FY 80 and \$10,000 from FY 81 for a total of \$25,000.

On September 22 Mayor and Council rejected bids on a contract for chemical root control because of the way one of the bidders bid. Following consultation with the City Attorney, the root control bids were re-advertised and the following six bidders submitted the following bids:

Sewer Specialty Services Co., Pittsford, New York	\$25,205.00
Air-Vac Industries, Smithtown, New York	30,645.00
Video Pipe Grouting Inc., Newfield, New Jersey	36,217.50
J.P. Sewerooter Co., Rockville, Maryland	42,410.00
Hartford Telepipe Co., Belair, Maryland	70,000.00
Quality Sanitary Service Co., Capital Heights, MD	92,375.00

The low bidder is qualified to do the work and staff recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder, Sewer Specialty Services Company, at the low bid price of \$25,205. The bid is within the budget amount provided.

On motion of Councilwoman Fordham, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 23-81, was awarded to the low bidder, Sewer Specialty Services Company in the amount of their low bid of \$25,205.00.

Re: Resolution: To Modify upon  
Reconsideration, Exploratory Appli-  
cation, PRU-4, Rockshire Planned  
Residential Unit.

Resolution No. 1-81

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 1-81, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 7 of the Mayor and Council, modifying the exploratory application of PRU-4 was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Approval of Warehouse Cost Savings  
Study

Since the City of Rockville is now in a period of slow revenue growth, it will have to look even more intensively for areas where costs can be reduced while maintaining or increasing levels of service. This is a proposal to retain the Management Improvement Corporation of America (MICA), an organization sponsored by the North Carolina Municipal League and which has extensive local government experience, to identify and help implement cost reductions in the City's warehousing operation. MICA's fee for service would be based on a share of the first year's proven cost reductions which were accepted by the City for implementation.

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the Management Improvement Corporation of America to identify and document cost saving opportunities in the City's warehousing operation. The funds for this program in an amount not to exceed \$18,600 would be taken from existing appropriations in the various funds in amounts proportionate to their use of the warehouse. It would not be feasible to generate the funds to pay the bill for the project from the savings since the recommendations will take time to implement and the full savings will not be realized for up to a year from the time the study is completed.

On motion of Councilwoman Fordham, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the City Manager was authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Management Improved Corporation of America, not to exceed \$18,600.

Re: Selection of Colors for City  
Identification Program

Mr. Bob Croizer, of Graham Associates, presented colors and typefaces to the Council for consideration for the city's identification project.

On motion of Councilwoman Fordham, duly seconded and passed, the typeface of friz quadrata was chosen, only Councilman Tyner voting in the negative. After a lengthy discussion of the colors, it was agreed that the consultants would bring more samples to the Council including transparencies that can be placed on a different background. The Mayor and Council thanked Graham Associates for their presentation.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To  
Amend Master Plan to Delete Yale  
Place Connection to Gude Drive

On motion of Councilman Abrams, there was introduced upon the table an ordinance amending the Master Plan to delete Yale Place connection to Gude Drive, said ordinance to lay over one week before final action is taken.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance: To enact  
a new Chapter 22 of the "Laws  
of Rockville", entitled Secondhand  
Precious Metals Dealers

Ordinance No. 1-81

On motion of Councilwoman Fordham, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 1-81, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 10 of the Mayor and Council, regulating secondhand precious metals dealers was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Authorization of Design of Gazebo  
and Colonnade for Courthouse  
Square Project

Staff has reviewed the letter of Arthur Cotton Moore regarding a request to incorporate the design of the "gazebo" and its adjacent "colonnade" in the Courthouse Square construction documents, and agrees with the opportunity and benefits to be derived from this addition to the project.

The following uses for the gazebo will, in staff's judgment, enhance the attractiveness and function of Courthouse Square.

- Screen the stark Commons' wall.
- Support small festival functions,
- Be a grandstand for the Memorial Day parade.
- Serve small bands, string quartets, speeches, etc.
- Support Summer in the Park.
- Provide Shelter for people waiting for rides.
- Serve as a focal point for posting of information of general interest.
- Provide gateway to Metro.
- Be very attractive.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of something that would be modular in design so that it could be enlarged to accommodate a large entertainment group. It was the Council's feeling, as Councilwoman Fordham stressed, that design not be sacrificed for mobility. The staff agreed to be aware of this.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the staff was authorized to amend the contract with Arthur Cotton Moore so that this project can be added to the current scope of services and that Mr. Moore proceed with construction documents.

Re: Citizen's Forum

The Mayor opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

There being no citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the citizen's forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Public Hearing: Street Closing and Abandonment Application, SCA-26-80, WMATA, Applicant, requesting the abandonment of a portion of Thompson Avenue at its intersection with the B & O Railroad right-of-way.

Re: Public Hearing: Street Closing and Abandonment Application, SCA-27-80 WMATA, Applicant, requesting the abandonment of a portion of Frederick Avenue, at its intersection with the B&O Railroad right-of-way.

Re: Public Hearing: Street Closing and Abandonment Application, SCA-28-80, WMATA, Applicant, requesting the abandonment of a portion of Rollins Avenue, at its intersection with the B&O Railroad right-of-way.

The public hearings on SCA-26-80, SCA-27-80, and SCA-28-80, were combined and the Mayor and Council conducted the public hearing and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the public hearing with the record to be held open for one week.

Re: Briefing on Gude Landfill and Approval of Statement to County Council

The Mayor and Council heard a presentation by the Director of Planning on the Gude landfill and the Laytonsville landfill site. The presentation was

conducted with slides and shots. The Mayor and Council congratulated the staff on the work of the presentation and proceeded to ask further questions of Mr. Davis and Mr. Titus, City Attorney, since there were several sensitive issues to be discussed. The Council agreed further discussion be postponed until executive session.

Re: Correspondence

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of correspondence:

1. D. M. Ettlin, re request for refund of filing fees
2. Richard Haight, re Gude Drive landfill
3. Everett Trumbo, re pedestrian difficulties
4. Patricia Lawwill, re recreation dance programs
5. Scott Fosler, re thank you note
6. Delegate Forehand, re Falls Road interchange
7. President Carter, re President's Award for Energy Efficiency
8. M.S. Caltrider, DOT, re Falls Road interchange

Re: Information Items

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of information:

1. Copy of letter to City Manager (1/2/81) from DOT re condition of Rt. 355
2. Memo to City Manager from CDHA re new Amtrak station
3. Memo to City Manager from CDHA re Computer Store at 611 Rockville Pike
4. Copy of letter to DOT from Director of Public Works (12/12/80) re Park Road/#355 signal  
Memo from Director of Public Works (12/31/80) re signal
5. Memo from Director of Planning (8/21/80) re Rockville Station pedestrian bridge enclosure
6. Annual Financial Report
7. Memo to City Manager from Recreation and Parks re Status of Professional Performing Arts to Rockville Project

The Mayor and Council agreed this could be placed on a future agenda.

Re: Approval of Minutes -

On motion of Councilwoman Fordham, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 45-80, December 15, 1980, were approved as written.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 46-80, December 22, 1980, were approved as written.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Council in general session, the meeting was adjourned for executive session, to discuss litigation.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to convene in general session on Monday, January 26, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.